

Remarks

This is a complete response to the Office Action of January 14, 2005.

Claims 1-20 were in this case as filed.

Claims 8-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention.

Paragraph 3 on page 2 of the Office Action notes that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "The method" in line 1 of claim 8. "The method" has been replaced by "A method" to properly make the claim an independent claim for which no antecedent basis is required.

Similarly, paragraph 4 on page 2 of the Office Action notes that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "The method" in line 1 of claim 15. "The method" has been replaced by "A method" to properly make the claim an independent claim for which no antecedent basis is required.

Therefore, claims 8-20 particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention and the '112 ground of rejection no longer applies.

Additionally, claims 5 and 15 were amended to correct minor typographical errors.

Claims 1-20 now define a patentably significant advance in the state of the art in definite form and free of the art, and are allowable.

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Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Shepherd', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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